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HIGHLIGHTS

OKLAHOMA'S UNEMPLOYMENT RATE DROPPED TO 7.0 PERCENT IN APRIL FROM 7.7 PERCENT IN MARCH.

APRIL'S UNEMPLOYMENT FELL TO 109,000 FROM 119,300 THE PREVIOUS MONTH.

EMPLOYMENT ROSE TO 1,442,200, UP 18,600 FROM MARCH'S REVISED ESTIMATE.

APRIL NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT TOTALED 1,177,000, ONLY NOMINALLY HIGHER OVER THE MONTH.

EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT SITUATION

Total employment in Oklahoma, based on place-of-residence data, reached 442,200 during April, a gain of 18,600 from the revised March figure. This March-to-April rise was the largest in six years. Meanwhile, unemployment skidded to 109,000 from 119,300, a drop of 10,300, a record jobless decline for the March-April interval. As a result of these improved labor force figures, unemployment as a percent of the labor force dropped to 7.0 from 7.7 over the 30-day span.

Year-ago comparisons showed even more dramatic improvement. Specifically, total employment this April surpassed the April 1983 level by 45,300 workers. Over this same 12 months, the ranks of the unemployed shrank by 42,500, marking the first decline in joblessness for this particular period in three years. The April unemployment rate of 7.0 percent was considerably below the 9.8 percent of a year ago. When compared to the national situation, Oklahoma's 7.0 rate fell below the 7.6 percent for the nation as a whole.

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OKLAHOMA LABOR FORCE
SUMMARY TABLE

Item	Number (In Thousands)			% Chg.	Absolute Change	
	Apr 1984p	Mar 1984r	Apr 1983r	Mar 84 Apr 84	Mar 84 Apr 84	Apr 83 Apr 84
Total Labor Force †	1551.2	1542.9	1548.4	0.5	8.3	2.8
Unemployment	109.0	119.3	151.5	−8.6	−10.3	−42.5
Unemployment Rate	7.0	7.7	9.8	—	—	—
Unemployment Rate (Seas. Adj.)	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total Employment	1442.2	1423.6	1396.9	1.3	18.6	45.3
Agriculture	50.4	48.0	50.8	5.0	2.4	− 0.4
Domestic Service, Self-Employed & Unpaid Family Workers	184.8	181.3	183.7	1.9	3.5	1.1
Idled by Labor Disputes	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.0	− 0.7
Wage and Salaried Workers, Total 1/	1177.0	1176.3	1185.6	0.1	0.7	11.4
Manufacturing	172.7	172.7	163.8	0.0	0.0	8.9
Durable Goods	109.4	109.5	102.4	−0.1	−0.1	7.0
Lumber & Wood Products	2.9	2.8	2.7	3.6	0.1	0.2
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	10.8	10.9	10.7	−0.9	−0.1	0.1
Primary Metal Industries	4.4	4.3	4.0	2.3	0.1	0.4
Fabricated Metal Products	16.7	16.5	17.5	1.2	0.2	− 0.8
Fab. Structural Metal Products	9.4	9.4	10.1	0.0	0.0	− 0.7
Machinery Exc. Electrical	32.6	32.6	31.5	0.0	0.0	1.1
Oil Field Machinery	9.2	9.2	9.5	0.0	0.0	− 0.3
General Industrial Machinery	6.2	6.2	6.1	0.0	0.0	0.1
Electrical and Electronic Equip.	15.1	15.1	12.4	0.0	0.0	2.7
Transportation Equipment	21.7	22.0	17.9	−1.4	−0.3	3.8
Aircraft & Parts	9.2	9.5	8.5	−3.2	−0.3	0.7
Instruments & Related Products	2.0	2.0	1.9	0.0	0.0	0.1
Nondurable Goods	63.3	63.2	61.4	0.2	0.1	1.9
Food & Kindred Products	14.7	14.7	14.7	0.0	0.0	0.0
Apparel & Other Textile Products	9.8	9.9	9.1	−1.0	−0.1	0.7
Paper & Allied Products	3.1	3.0	3.0	3.3	0.1	0.1
Printing & Publishing	11.0	11.0	11.2	0.0	0.0	− 0.2
Newspapers & Periodicals	5.9	5.9	6.1	0.0	0.0	− 0.2
Petroleum & Coal Products	8.3	8.4	8.1	−1.2	−0.1	0.2
Petroleum Refining	7.7	7.8	7.4	−1.3	−0.1	0.3
Rubber & Misc. Plastic Products	11.4	11.3	10.5	0.9	0.1	0.9
Tires & Inner Tubes	7.4	7.4	6.9	0.0	0.0	0.5
Mining	72.3	72.9	78.3	−0.8	−0.6	− 6.0
Oil & Gas Extraction	69.2	70.0	75.4	−1.1	−0.8	− 6.2
Construction	46.9	47.1	50.5	−0.4	−0.2	− 3.6
Transportation & Public Utilities Ex	65.8	66.5	67.8	−1.1	−0.7	− 2.0
Transportation	33.6	34.2	34.5	−1.8	−0.6	− 0.9
Railroad Transportation	2.3	2.3	2.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
Trucking & Warehousing	17.4	17.8	18.0	−2.2	−0.4	− 0.6
Communications & Electric, GA	32.2	32.3	33.3	−0.3	−0.1	− 1.1
Wholesale & Retail Trade	287.6	286.6	278.8	0.3	1.0	8.8
Wholesale Trade	74.1	74.1	70.6	0.0	0.0	3.5
Retail Trade	213.5	212.5	208.2	0.5	1.0	5.3
General Merchandise Stores	28.5	28.4	27.2	0.4	0.1	1.3
Food Stores	37.6	37.8	37.4	−0.5	−0.2	0.2
Automotive Dealers & Service Sta	25.7	25.6	25.3	0.4	0.1	0.4
Apparel & Accessory Stores	14.8	14.9	14.2	−0.7	−0.1	0.6
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	62.2	62.4	62.0	−0.3	−0.2	0.2
Banking	21.2	21.4	22.2	−0.9	−0.2	− 1.0
Insurance Carriers	9.2	9.3	9.4	−1.1	−0.1	− 0.2
Services	222.3	220.7	216.7	0.7	1.6	5.6
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	10.4	10.2	10.4	2.0	0.2	0.0
Personal Services	10.8	11.2	11.4	−3.6	−0.4	− 0.6
Health Services	69.4	69.5	69.3	−0.1	−0.1	0.1
Total Government	247.2	247.4	247.7	−0.1	−0.2	− 0.5
Federal Government	49.4	49.4	48.3	0.0	0.0	1.1
State & Local Government	197.8	198.0	199.4	−0.1	−0.2	− 1.6

† *Based on place-of-residence concept.*

1/ *These estimates are adjusted to first quarter 1983 benchmark levels. Estimates include all full and part-time employees of nonagricultural establishments who worked during or received pay for any part of the pay period which includes the 12th of the month.*

NONFARM JOBS INCREASE NOMINALLY OVER MONTH

Nonfarm wage and salary employment totaled 1,177,000 in April, or only 700 greater than the previous month's estimate. Two major industry divisions recorded job gains between March and April. Services led with 1,600 additions, related to seasonal activities, and the wholesale-retail trade division added 1,000, all in the retail sector. These increases were substantially diminished by losses in three other industries. Specifically, transportation-public utilities led on the downside with a 700 job cutback, virtually all in the transportation segment. Mining followed with 600 fewer workers as oil and gas exploration continued to exhibit weakness. Finally, other losses of 200 each were seen in construction, finance-insurance-real estate and government. Manufacturing employment held steady at 172,700 in April, unchanged from March.

Compared to a year ago, this April's nonagricultural employment posted an overall gain of 11,400 jobs. This growth was highlighted by a rebound in manufacturing of 8,900—7,000 of the increase in durable goods industries. Wholesale-retail trade also had 8,800 additions. Services continued its long-term growth trend with 5,600 more workers. Also, finance-insurance-real estate employment was slightly greater than a year ago. In contrast to these gains, mining dropped 6,000, reflecting continuing weakness in the energy industry. Construction was off 3,600 and transportation-public utilities had 2,000 fewer workers. Finally government slipped 500 from its April 1983 total.

HOURS AND EARNINGS

Some 125,200 manufacturing workers surveyed in Oklahoma during April worked an average of 42.4 hours at $9.79 per hour and thus earned $415.10 in weekly wages. When compared to a comparable period in March, this represented a loss of 2 cents in hourly wage rates, but .2 of an hour longer workweek. Consequently, weekly earnings edged $1.12 higher in April compared to March. Within manufacturing, workers in durable goods averaged $4.06 more weekly, while wages for those in soft goods slipped $4.52.

The **Hours and Earnings Table** in succeeding pages of this publication also provides these data for five other industries in addition to manufacturing. More specifically, workers in oil and gas extraction, conatruction, public utilities and wholesale trade all averaged more weekly pay in April than in March. Of the five industries, only retail employees experienced a downturn in their weekly pay.

Looking at hours and earnings comparisons on an annual basis, manufacturing workers averaged 14.7 percent more in weekly earnings this April than the corresponding 1983 period. Public utilities workers closely followed with a 12.1 percent gain. Wholesale trade workers weekly paychecks increased 6.2 percent, oil and gas extraction employees earned 5.2 percent more and construction workers' pay rose 4.1 percent. Only retail trade employees averaged lower earnings from the year-ago period.

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT

The total number of Oklahomans receiving insured unemployment benefits stood at 22,843 for the week ending April 21, 1984. This was slightly more than the insured jobless total for the comparable period in March. Of the April total, 12,496 were male and 10,347 female. On the basis of duration, 18,789 have been out of work for 14 weeks or less, while only 4,054 had been jobless for more than 15 weeks. Those formerly employed in manufacturing comprised the largest insured jobless industry with 5,155, followed by 4,377 in construction.

Year-ago comparisons showed that April's insured jobless total of 22,843 was down 42.6 percent from the corresponding month in 1983. Over this 12 month period, the number of persons formerly employed in manufacturing and receiving jobless payments dropped appreciably, reflecting improvement in that industry. This was also the case for the other industries surveyed which included mining, construction, public utilities, trade, finance-insurance-real estate and service.

STATEWIDE EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT SUMMARY

In Oklahoma's 77 counties, total employment rose in all but 4 counties between March and April. Coal, Johnston and Pawnee showed lower employment in April compared to their revised March totals. These changes were small in magnitude. During this same period, Greer County's employment was unchanged. Employment increased for the State of Oklahoma as a whole and the major metropolitan areas.

Unemployment, as a percent of the labor force, was down in all counties and major areas between March and April except Cherokee and Latimer Counties where rates increased to 11.5 and 15.4, respectively. Also the jobless rate held steady in McIntosh County at 12.8 percent. More significantly, jobless rates were lower in 76 of the 77 counties when compared to April 1983, reflecting the economic improvement statewide.

LABOR FORCE DATA

Total Employment and Unemployment

APRIL 1984

Area	Employment	Unemployment	Labor Force	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE		
				Current Month	Month Ago	Year Ago
UNITED STATES	103,628,000	8,525,000	112,153,000	7.6	8.1	10.0
OKLAHOMA	1,442,200	109,000	1,551,200	7.0	7.7	9.8
Oklahoma City MSA*	462,200	25,200	487,400	5.2	5.7	7.5
Tulsa MSA**	340,900	29,100	370,000	7.9	8.7	10.6
Lawton MSA***	37,475	2,175	39,650	5.5	6.2	6.9
Enid MSA****	30,150	1,975	32,125	6.1	6.5	8.4
Adair	7,380	720	8,100	8.9	9.0	13.8
Alfalfa	3,300	130	3,430	3.8	4.0	5.1
Atoka	4,020	550	4,570	12.0	13.6	13.6
Beaver	3,240	100	3,340	3.0	3.6	4.7
Beckham	10,250	1,300	11,550	11.3	12.1	18.8
Blaine	6,040	410	6,450	6.4	6.9	10.8
Bryan	13,700	1,230	14,930	8.2	9.4	10.4
Caddo	13,080	1,160	14,240	8.1	8.8	13.6
Canadian	[illegible],275	1,500	32,775	4.6	4.8	7.2
Carter	[illegible],700	1,650	22,350	7.4	7.8	10.2
Cherokee	13,830	1,790	15,620	11.5	9.8	10.3
Choctaw	5,470	790	6,260	12.6	15.0	16.7
Cimarron	1,550	70	1,620	4.3	5.2	4.3
Cleveland	73,800	3,725	77,525	4.8	5.7	6.6
Coal	1,860	360	2,220	16.2	18.9	21.3
Comanche	37,475	2,175	39,650	5.5	6.2	6.9
Cotton	2,850	150	3,000	5.0	6.6	4.6
Craig	7,170	510	7,680	6.6	6.9	9.2
Creek	29,175	2,525	31,700	8.0	9.1	12.6
Custer	15,060	1,020	16,080	6.3	6.9	10.1
Delaware	10,550	920	11,470	8.0	9.9	12.5
Dewey	3,280	230	3,510	6.6	8.1	10.8
Ellis	2,570	210	2,780	7.6	9.3	10.8
Garfield	30,150	1,975	32,125	6.1	6.5	8.4
Garvin	11,620	920	12,540	7.3	8.3	11.3
Grady	18,700	1,620	20,320	8.0	8.8	12.8
Grant	2,940	140	3,080	4.5	5.0	6.0
Greer	2,840	200	3,040	6.6	7.7	8.4
Harmon	1,700	110	1,810	6.1	7.0	7.4
Harper	1,760	150	1,910	7.9	8.3	10.4
Haskell	4,840	690	5,530	12.5	13.3	16.5
Hughes	5,010	900	5,910	15.2	16.5	21.1
Jackson	10,430	720	11,150	6.5	7.5	7.7
Jefferson	3,790	260	4,050	6.4	7.7	11.1
Johnston	3,710	300	4,010	7.5	8.3	11.6
Kay	24,900	1,900	26,800	7.1	7.7	9.0
Kingfisher	8,010	480	8,490	5.7	6.3	7.1
Kiowa	5,580	430	6,010	7.2	7.7	10.7

LABOR FORCE DATA

Total Employment and Unemployment

APRIL 1984

Area	Employment	Unemployment	Labor Force	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE		
				Current Month	Month Ago	Year Ago
Latimer	3,010	550	3,560	15.4	15.2	19.3
LeFlore	16,660	1,580	18,240	8.7	8.9	12.1
Lincoln	9,820	980	10,800	9.1	10.4	14.5
Logan	10,490	960	11,450	8.4	9.3	10.3
Love	2,540	260	2,800	9.3	10.4	12.5
McClain	11,250	500	11,750	4.3	5.6	8.6
McCurtain	13,160	1,480	14,640	10.1	11.4	13.9
McIntosh	5,720	840	6,560	12.8	12.8	12.8
Major	3,950	220	4,170	5.3	5.6	8.7
Marshall	4,130	310	4,440	7.0	8.2	8.9
Mayes	15,950	1,775	17,725	10.0	11.5	13.2
Murray	5,210	490	5,700	8.6	9.3	11.2
Muskogee	27,825	3,125	30,950	10.1	10.6	11.0
Noble	4,930	320	5,250	6.1	6.9	7.9
Nowata	4,560	520	5,080	10.2	11.7	19.2
Okfuskee	3,850	490	4,340	11.3	12.0	13.8
Oklahoma	315,275	17,275	332,550	5.2	5.7	7.6
Okmulgee	12,900	1,825	14,725	12.4	13.5	15.2
Osage	19,450	1,125	20,575	5.5	5.8	8.5
Ottawa	13,025	1,275	14,300	8.9	10.1	11.6
Pawnee	5,990	720	6,710	10.7	12.1	15.1
Payne	31,500	1,400	32,900	4.3	4.9	7.2
Pittsburg	11,900	1,800	13,700	13.1	13.9	16.0
Pontotoc	15,280	1,010	16,290	6.2	6.6	9.1
Pottawatomie	30,600	2,150	32,750	6.6	7.0	8.6
Pushmataha	2,720	560	3,280	17.1	18.5	18.7
Roger Mills	2,930	230	3,160	7.3	8.8	10.6
Rogers	22,950	2,300	25,250	9.1	9.6	11.4
Seminole	11,090	1,210	12,300	9.8	10.4	13.8
Sequoyah	12,590	1,100	13,690	8.0	9.1	12.6
Stephens	19,500	1,530	21,030	7.3	8.5	10.6
Texas	8,130	360	8,490	4.2	4.7	5.0
Tillman	4,250	400	4,650	8.6	12.6	10.2
Tulsa	232,650	19,950	252,600	7.9	8.7	10.5
Wagoner	20,670	1,390	22,060	6.3	6.8	7.7
Washington	24,560	1,090	25,650	4.2	4.9	6.9
Washita	7,480	620	8,100	7.7	9.2	15.2
Woods	5,860	190	6,050	3.1	3.6	5.2
Woodward	14,260	1,080	15,340	7.0	7.9	12.3

Note: Data shown in this table are preliminary figures.
Components may not add to totals due to rounding.

* *Oklahoma City MSA includes Oklahoma, Canadian, Cleveland, McClain and Pottawatomie Counties.*

** *Tulsa MSA includes Tulsa, Creek, Mayes, Osage, Rogers and Wagoner Counties.*

*** *Lawton MSA includes Comanche County only.*

**** *Enid MSA includes Garfield County only.*

HOURS AND EARNINGS
IN SELECTED OKLAHOMA INDUSTRIES
APRIL 1984

INDUSTRY GROUP	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Apr 1984p	Mar 1984r	Apr 1983r	Apr 1984p	Mar 1984r	Apr 1983r	Apr 1984p	Mar 1984r	Apr 1983r
Manufacturing	**$415.10**	**$413.98**	**$361.89**	**42.4**	**42.2**	**39.9**	**$ 9.79**	**$ 9.81**	**$ 9.07**
Durable Goods	**434.16**	**430.10**	**366.00**	**43.2**	**42.5**	**40.0**	**10.05**	**10.12**	**9.15**
Stone, Clay & Glass	418.05	414.17	420.42	42.1	41.5	42.9	9.93	9.98	9.80
Primary Metals	388.02	392.69	375.83	43.5	43.2	41.3	8.92	9.09	9.10
Fabricated Metals	374.44	370.17	340.22	40.7	40.5	38.4	9.20	9.14	8.86
Fabricated Structural Metals	367.20	380.80	346.10	40.8	41.8	38.8	9.00	9.11	8.92
Machinery, Except Electrical	416.29	409.81	331.80	45.2	44.4	39.5	9.21	9.23	8.40
Oil Field Machinery	450.10	418.20	367.32	45.1	42.2	40.1	9.98	9.91	9.16
Electric & Electronic Equipment	416.98	423.95	386.38	43.3	42.1	42.6	9.63	10.07	9.07
Transportation Equipment	570.72	558.49	440.38	43.5	42.6	38.8	13.12	13.11	11.35
Instruments & Related Products	444.66	414.80	366.68	44.6	42.5	39.9	9.97	9.76	9.19
Nondurable Goods	**390.37**	**384.89**	**352.74**	**40.9**	**41.7**	**39.5**	**9.30**	**9.23**	**8.93**
Food & Kindred Products	313.07	324.37	331.27	40.5	41.8	40.3	7.73	7.76	8.22
Apparel & Other Textiles	176.10	176.06	179.41	38.2	37.7	37.3	4.61	4.67	4.81
Paper & Allied Products	428.48	404.93	377.22	43.5	44.4	42.1	9.85	9.12	8.96
Printing & Publishing	376.36	386.11	345.32	39.7	40.6	38.8	9.48	9.51	8.90
Newspapers & Periodicals	413.71	416.97	359.84	40.6	41.0	38.2	10.19	10.17	9.42
Petroleum Refining	610.93	605.14	507.85	45.9	46.3	39.8	13.31	13.07	12.76
Nonmanufacturing									
Construction	434.17	430.07	416.98	37.3	37.3	35.7	11.64	11.53	11.68
Oil & Gas Extraction	438.01	436.95	416.30	41.4	41.3	40.3	10.58	10.58	10.33
Public Utilities	465.41	459.59	415.26	40.4	40.6	39.7	11.52	11.32	10.46
Wholesale Trade	374.14	346.63	352.44	39.3	39.3	39.6	9.52	8.82	8.90
Retail Trade*	193.52	200.08	214.25	32.2	32.8	33.9	6.01	6.10	6.32

Note: *Averages are for production or nonsupervisory workers only and cover both full and part-time employees. Overtime hours and pay are included and changes in the amount of overtime may affect these data. There are approximately 125,200 production workers in manufacturing. These data revised to a 1983 benchmark.*

Above industries have been classified according to the **Standard Industrial Classification (BIC) Manual, 1972.**

*p-Preliminary; r-Revised. *Excludes eating and drinking establishments.*

Source: Oklahoma Employment Security Commission, Research and Planning.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

1967 = 100

	ALL URBAN CONSUMERS		URBAN WAGE EARNERS AND CLERICAL WORKERS	
ANNUAL AVERAGES AND CHANGES 1980 - 1983*				
Year	Index	Percent Change From Previous Year	Index	Percent Change From Previous Year
1980	246.8	13.5	247.0	13.5
1981	272.4	10.4	272.3	10.2
1982	289.1	6.1	288.6	6.0
1983	298.4	3.2	297.4	3.0

MONTH AND YEAR-AGO CHANGES								
Year	Apr Index	Mar Index	% Change Month Ago	% Change Year Ago	Apr Index	Mar Index	% Change Month Ago	% Change Year Ago
1984	308.8	307.3	.5	4.5	304.1	303.3	.3	3.1

* Change less than one-tenth of one percent.

COMPARISONS OF UNEMPLOYMENT RATES*

United States and Oklahoma

1981 - 1984

MONTH	1981 RATES				1982 RATES				1983 RATES				1984 RATES				MONTH
	Unadj.		Seas. Adj.		Unadj.		Seas. Adj.		Unadj.		Seas. Adj.		Unadj.		Seas. Adj.		
	U.S.	OK	U.S.	OK	U.S.	OK	U.S.	OK	U.S.	OK	U.S.	OK	U.S.	OK	U.S.	OK	
Jan.	8.2	4.4	7.5	4.0	9.4	4.4	8.6	4.0	11.4	9.1	10.4	9.1	8.6	8.6	8.0	7.9	Jan.
Feb.	8.0	4.0	7.4	3.8	9.6	4.3	8.8	4.0	11.3	10.1	10.4	8.9	8.4	8.2	7.8	7.7	Feb.
Mar.	7.7	3.6	7.3	3.7	9.5	4.1	9.0	4.2	10.8	10.1	10.3	8.8	8.1	7.7	7.8	7.8	Mar.
Apr.	7.0	3.4	7.2	3.5	9.2	4.3	9.3	4.4	10.0	9.8	10.2	8.3	7.6	7.0	7.8	7.2	Apr.
May	7.1	3.3	7.5	3.4	9.1	4.6	9.4	4.8	9.8	10.2	10.1	8.8					May
June	7.7	3.5	7.4	3.3	9.8	5.2	9.5	5.1	10.2	10.0	10.0	9.2					June
July	7.3	3.4	7.2	3.3	9.8	5.8	9.8	5.7	9.4	9.6	9.5	8.8					July
Aug.	7.2	3.1	7.4	3.3	9.6	5.8	9.9	6.1	9.0	9.0	9.5	8.3					Aug.
Sept.	7.3	3.3	7.6	3.5	9.7	6.5	10.2	6.9	8.8	8.3	9.2	7.9					Sept.
Oct.	7.5	3.6	8.0	3.7	9.9	7.2	10.5	7.4	8.4	7.9	8.8	8.2					Oct.
Nov.	7.9	3.8	8.3	3.8	10.4	7.9	10.7	7.9	8.1	7.6	8.4	8.0					Nov.
Dec.	8.3	3.8	8.6	3.8	10.5	8.4	10.8	8.5	8.0	7.1	8.2	7.1					Dec.
ANNUAL AVERAGE	7.6	3.6	—	—	9.7	5.7	—	—	9.6	9.0	—	—					ANNUAL AVERAGE

* *Based on percent of Civilian Labor Force. Seasonally adjusted series for U.S. and Oklahoma are revised. U.S. unemployment rate based on percent of Civilian Labor Force.*

Note: The rates shown for Oklahoma are revised to a 1983 Current Population Survey (CPS) Benchmark, as established by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and the Oklahoma Employment Security Commission, Research and Planning.